

### ER PRICES TILL SOARING SH FOR SHARES IN NEW COMPANIES men and Children Take in Scramble for Stock

(Special to the Times.)  
April 20.—Rubber yesterday record figure of 12s 10d per pound. There is a demand for nearly 100 rubber plantations most of them of recent vintage. The market is now believed to be at its climax.  
Eight new companies have subscriptions, the total capital for being \$4,755,000. The number of subscribers were 4000, men, women and children. Brokers, commission messengers boys and girls sought their way to the counter in their applications for a few minutes the two companies were over-subscribed. Later in the day there were these lottery tickets at 50c for cent premium. Two shillings were run after at 14s and for 15 shares as much as 17 fully paid or rather promised. The transactions are done for prompt, in other words no money will have to wait for several months and the prices are expected to treble themselves.  
A mad outburst in rubber occurred on the stock exchange. It is quite evident that a boom has reached its South

avon, in the course of an the Daily Mail, says that all reason and safety have been the only reasons why a off is that a large proportion of deals has been done on and payment plan. It is estimated liabilities on new companies last week were at \$20,000,000. Since then at 4,000 more have been added. The settlements are coming daily and fancy premiums have in hard cash the trouble will wily asks how the collapse will come. The rubber after themselves that they safe, as rubber commands its normal price, but that the risks they have to con- in a purely financial view. This must be suicidal show profit from the subject which it is based.

ERS NOT WANTED.  
Wash., April 20.—Here will be dangerous for anyone to venture within the limits unless he be prepared a job on short notice or probably that he is financially prepared of laboring. Under the Chief Galvin, police officers the railroad yards day these are rounded up they the alternative of going to nearby ranches or filling an at on the chain gang. The the unusual activity of that the entire Kittitas valley from a scarcity of labor. dried farm hands are needed.

INVESTIGATION.  
April 20.—R. Poulin, the en- charge of district "F" of the transcontinental railway, in to Mayor Hodgins gave before the Lumsden commit- tee. He said he had received from Mr. Lumsden himself were to be forwarded the reply to Mr. Chrysler he that one method of hasten- ing he adopted was to erect a temporary trestles over each bridge to be filled in as it proceeded. As to classification opinion was that \$100,000 would difference due to misunder- standings and orders issued.

CON TO CHURCH FUND.  
April 20.—The Prince of s contributed \$2,500 to the Western Canada fund. pressing his deep interest in having himself visited West- sia, the Prince of Wales says the difficulties arising from extraordinary immigration, that the appeal in connec- tion with will receive gen- eral support. The fund has now reached is estimated that \$1,250,000 needed.

REASURING STOCK.  
April 20.—The Nova Scotia Coal Company's bill, which directors, without a meeting shareholders, power to issue new raising the capital up to ten passed its second reading in yesterday. The bill, as in- in the legislative council, pro- vision that at least eight directors must reside in Nova at that body eliminated this

DAY BUILD PLANT.  
April 20.—Officials of the hats Co. of Chicago, have been the ground with a view to a \$500,000 plant to em- brace all the year round. The company has another large at Peterboro. Arrangements completed in 10 days.  
SLIGHT SHOCK.  
Mont., April 19.—Helen- a Anacosta were shaken by a quake lasted at 1:30 this morn- ing was scarcely felt. No dam- reported.

### SMITH REPORTS ON RESERVOIR

NEW CITY ENGINEER  
ESTIMATES REPAIR WORK

Thinks Defects Can Be Remedied for a Sum of Approximately \$7,000

By employing one inch of waterproof cement mortar, the whole work to cost in the neighborhood of \$7,000, Angus Smith, city engineer, believes large Smith's Hill reservoir can be repaired and made thoroughly satisfactory. This was the recommendation made in a special report submitted at Monday's meeting of the City Council and it is believed that the same will be com- pleted in a month's time. The city engineer's report, after citing some well known facts respecting the method of construction, contained the following: "I have seen photographs of the work in progress and would judge that the material used conformed to the specifications, especially the sand and broken stone. The core of the wall before receiving the cement plaster ap- pears in one of the photographs to be quite open or porous, and this condition was confirmed by an inspection of the reservoir and the concrete wall on both sides, but appeared to lack bond in its ingredients, probably due to the sand being too coarse or an insufficient amount of cement or faulty mixing of the mortar. It is quite evident that the sand too coarse to make the plaster im- pervious."

"Daily records have been kept of the reservoir since October 30th, 1909. The leakage was not over 20,000 gallons daily until the water in the reservoir reached seven feet in depth, the leakage increased rapidly so that at a depth of 13 feet the leakage amounted on February 22nd was 300,000 gallons. For the last four days the water has been shut off from the reservoir and the leakage in these four days mentioned in the reservoir amounted to 1/3 of an inch, which is little more than evaporation, intimating that the concrete walls and floor of the reservoir are porous and the concrete plaster applied with its increase of wetted area and the increase of pressure."

"There are a number of recognized methods of lining concrete reservoirs to prevent leakage, such as the application of asphaltic bitumen or the relining of the reservoir with a cement mortar plaster; this latter, when properly put on, is considered the most durable and effective method. Atum, when applied to the cement in the form of powder and soap when dissolved in the water used for mixing the cement even when used in a fairly porous concrete and used in the proportion of 1 1/2 per cent. of the cement having stopped from 64 per cent. to 76 per cent. of the peraporation through concrete. The strength somewhat, instead of using alum sulphate is substituted; the best proportion of this is 1 part of sulphuric acid to 3 parts of hard soap; aluminum sulphate equal to 1 per cent. of the water and hard soap equal to 3 per cent. of the water, but an excess of these ingredients does no harm. It is the present engineering practice to waterproof concrete designed to retain water by one of the two above methods; the former is known as membrane or bituminous sheet method and is used where the structure is liable to settle. Burlap and felts (coal tar) have been extensively used for this purpose. For these large reservoirs it is desirable more attention has been given to the nature of the water proofing felts and as a result there are now on the market specially manufactured felts which are both saturated and coated with bitumen, and possess greater pliability and strength. By means of these felts more perfect membranes can be constructed as the strength and toughness of the felts permits greater distortion and twisting to accommodate it to the design of the work. The bitumens most generally used for cement-

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### AERONAUT HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Aeroplane Falls Into Sea and Pilot is Rescued by Boatmen

Nice, France, April 19.—Efforts were made to-day to recover the aeroplane piloted by M. Rougier, which dived into the sea yesterday while Rougier was performing some aerial manoeuvres. Rougier narrowly escaped drowning.  
When the plane twisted and fell, the pilot became entangled in a stay, and was pulled beneath the waves when the machine sank. Before it reached the bottom, Rougier managed to break the stay and rose to the surface. He was rescued by boatmen.  
The aeroplane said that the accident was caused by the failure of the rudder to respond at a critical moment.

MARK TWAIN.  
Redding, Conn., April 19.—Mark Twain passed a fairly comfortable night. He appeared to be considerably fresher this morning but is still

### IS PRESSING CIVIC PROBLEM

SAND AND GRAVEL  
QUESTION UP AGAIN

Ald. Bannerman Expresses His Disgust at Methods Followed This Year

"This is one of the most serious questions that the city has to deal with, and yet it is dragging on from day to day with no sign of an early settlement in sight. I confess I cannot understand it. We pass a resolution to call for tenders. The streets committee brings in a recommendation that only twenty per cent. of the sand and gravel be awarded to the Scott & Lineham Company, and the council turns it down and later awards all the contract for all the sand to that company. Then a resolution is passed instructing the purchasing agent to call for tenders for gravel and the resolution is overlooked or lost or something of that kind. I repeat, I cannot understand it."

In the above words Ald. Bannerman, chairman of the streets committee, concluded an interesting debate at Monday's meeting of the City Council on the sand and gravel problem confronting the city. The question came up on the following letter being read from the manager of the B. C. Sand & Gravel Co., Ltd.:

Victoria, B. C., April 18th, 1910.  
To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Victoria, B. C.:  
Gentlemen:—We wish to confirm our verbal offer to Mr. Bannerman, the chairman of the board of works, to supply the city with 15,000 cubic yards or more gravel and sand at a price of \$1.40 per cubic yard for gravel and \$1.20 per cubic yard for sand, both delivered to any point within the city limits.  
In view of the admitted great demand for material of this class and the likelihood of a shortage in consequence of the growth and expansion of the city, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that we can start at once giving you a delivery of all the material you may require up to say 200 cubic yards per day.  
The gravel and sand to be taken in proportion of five cubic yards of gravel to three cubic yards of sand, which we believe are the proportions used by you in your mixture of concrete.  
An early reply will be appreciated. We beg to remain, yours respectfully,  
B. C. SAND & GRAVEL CO., LTD.

Ald. Fullerton, on the question being opened for discussion, asked why tenders for gravel had not been called for. He said that he had instructed some three weeks ago. A resolution had been passed authorizing the calling for tenders, and he insisted on knowing why this had not been done.  
Mayor Morley in reply said the city clerk had duly notified the purchasing agent to do so.  
Replying to a query from his words, Ald. Bannerman said as far as he knew no action had been taken as call for tenders. He did not know why.

Ald. Fullerton—Well, that being the case, I move that that letter lay on the table for a week, until we see about those tenders which we asked for.  
Ald. Ross was indignant at the advertisement calling for tenders had not been issued.  
At this point the mayor remarked that the city clerk informed him that he had notified the purchasing agent.  
Ald. Ross—Well, that being the case, I move that that letter lay on the table for a week, until we see about those tenders which we asked for.  
Ald. Raymond moved that the offer of the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company be accepted, and that the contract be arranged for a full supply of material for construction work. Work was being hampered in the most serious fashion, and it was about time that the offer of the B. C. Sand & Gravel Company of the city to accept this very fair offer at once.  
Ald. Bannerman said he would be very pleased indeed to second that motion were it not for the fact that the council by its action had tied the city for the present year, in the matter of the supply of sand, to the Scott & Lineham Company. The contract which had been signed with this company set out that the city was to take all the sand it wanted for this year from them. The situation was a very difficult one.  
Mayor Morley—Did you not inform the council that there was lots of gravel at the Spring Ridge pits?  
Ald. Bannerman said he denied that he had done so. He had been informed by the acting city engineer that in the opinion of the latter there was plenty of material there, but he had no personal knowledge of the situation himself.  
Ald. Mable asked if the contract with the Scott & Lineham Company specified that the sand and gravel must be washed.  
Mayor Morley answered in the negative, but added that the material be washed.  
Ald. Fullerton returned to the question of the tenders which had been asked for. The board had passed a resolution instructing that these tenders be called for.  
Ald. Bannerman explained that he had seen Mr. Mitchell, of the B. C. Company, and he had informed him that the company would not tender for gravel alone, except at a figure of \$1.55 per square yard.  
At this stage of the discussion, Mayor Morley announced that the city clerk was not sure that he had informed Mr. Bannerman of the purchasing agent of the resolution which had been passed.  
The motion to lay the letter on the table was then carried, but not before Ald. Bannerman had expressed his dissatisfaction at the manner in which the whole subject had been treated by the council this year.

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### TWO BOYS DROWNED WHILE FISHING

Fall From Boom of Logs Which Closes Over Their Heads

Olympia, Wash., April 19.—News of the drowning of Charles McCarty, aged 16, and Roy Whidden, aged 14, and the narrow escape of John Savage, aged 14, from a like fate at Long Lake, this county, on Sunday afternoon, has just reached here. The boys were in the "pulling" ability of their horses. Both men are teamsters.  
The argument according to witnesses of the "pulling" became serious after the men had indulged in good natured banter.  
JUSTICE OSLER'S FAREWELL.  
Toronto, April 19.—Mr. Justice Osler, of the Court of Appeals, after 21 years' service, said farewell yesterday morning at Osgoode Hall. Mr. Osler is to become president of the Toronto General Trusts Co.

London, April 19.—It is officially denied that the Duke of Connaught has accepted an invitation to visit Toronto exhibition.



THE NEW DOCTOR.

### \$40,000 FOR ISLAND TRAILS

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE  
IS DOING GOOD WORK

Largely as Result of Its Recommendations Government is Spending Money

Forty thousand dollars expenditure on roads and trails on the Island, as the outcome of representations of the Vancouver Island Development League, is a pretty good record of tangible results for that live organization.  
A statement was put before the executive of the league at its meeting on Tuesday by Secretary McGaffey. Canon Dauth, vice-secretary of Laval University, Montreal, Sask.  
Dr. H. S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation, New York.  
Dr. O. Skelton, professor of political and economic science, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.  
Principal Murray, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Hon. Dr. Young, Minister of Education, has received an acceptance of the government's invitation from all these gentlemen but Dr. Pritchett, who has been away from Nova Scotia. He is expected to return within the next few days. Young expects a reply from him any day.  
These gentlemen are all educationists of high repute. Dr. Weidman is one of the most brilliant of Nova Scotia's college professors and was for several years a member of the House of Commons. Dr. Pritchett will be remembered as a speaker at the Dominion Educational Association convention here last summer, and as a man of wide culture and of experience on the business as well as the scholastic side of higher education. Canon Dauth is the head of the Montreal branch of Laval, the Quebec branch of which is second only to McGill. Dr. Skelton and Principal Murray are well-known educationists.  
As was foreshadowed by the Times some months ago neither McGill University nor the University of Toronto are represented in the membership of the commission. The reason is, of course, that both those institutions of learning are closely and directly interested in higher educational matters in British Columbia, and therefore was not thought well that anyone from either should be asked to act.  
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